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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF ARIZONA WATER COMPANY, AN
ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR A
DETERMINATION OF THE FAIR VALUE
OF ITS UTILITY PLANT AND PROPERTY,
AND FOR ADJUSTMENTS TO ITS RATES
AND CHARGES FOR UTILITY SERVICE
FURNISHED BY ITS EASTERN GROUP
AND FOR CERTAIN RELATED
APPROVALS.

DOCKET NO. W-01445A-11-0310

CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE

A procedural order (the "Procedural Order") entered by presiding Administrative Law Judge Sarah N. Harpring on September 20, 2011 directed Arizona Water Company (the "Company") to give public notice of the hearing scheduled in this matter by mailing a copy to each of its customers (as a bill insert) of the public notice provided, in form and style, in the Procedural Order. The Company was also ordered to cause the notice to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in its service territory.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT:

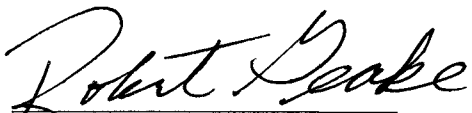
1. On the dates indicated in the table attached to this Certificate of Notice as Exhibit A, the Company caused a copy of the public notice set forth in the Procedural Order to be published in the service territory newspapers listed in Exhibit A.

1 Affidavits of Publication for these notices are attached to this Certificate of Notice
2 as Exhibits B through I, respectively.

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4 2. The Company mailed a copy of the public notice referenced in 1, above, to each
5 of its customers, via a bill insert (See Exhibit J), beginning with the October 3,
6 2011 billing cycle. The mailing was completed on October 28, 2011.

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8 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 3rd day of November, 2011.

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10 **ARIZONA WATER COMPANY**

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12 By: 
13 Robert W. Geake
14 Vice President and General Counsel
15 ARIZONA WATER COMPANY
16 Post Office Box 29006
17 Phoenix, Arizona 85038-9006

18 Steven A. Hirsch
19 Stanley B. Lutz
20 BRYAN CAVE LLP
21 Two North Central Avenue, Suite 2200
22 Phoenix, AZ 85004
23 Attorneys for Applicant
24 Arizona Water Company
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1 An original and thirteen (13) copies of the foregoing were
2 delivered this 3rd day of November, 2011 to:

3 Docketing Supervisor
4 Docket Control Division
5 Arizona Corporation Commission
6 1200 West Washington Street
7 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

8 A copy of the foregoing was delivered this 3rd day of
9 November, 2011 to:

10 Honorable Sarah N. Harpring
11 Administrative Law Judge
12 Hearing Division
13 Arizona Corporation Commission
14 1200 West Washington Street
15 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

16 Daniel W. Pozefsky, Chief Counsel
17 RESIDENTIAL UTILITY CONSUMER OFFICE
18 1110 West Washington Street, Suite 220
19 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

20 Ms. Janice Alward, Chief Counsel
21 Legal Division
22 Arizona Corporation Commission
23 1200 West Washington Street
24 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

25 Steven M. Olea, Director
26 Utilities Division
27 Arizona Corporation Commission
28 1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

By: *R. W. Seake*

EXHIBIT A

ARIZONA WATER COMPANY

**RATE CASE PUBLICATION
NEWSPAPER INFORMATION**

Exhibit	System	Newspaper	Publication Date
B	Apache Junction (Superstition)	Apache Junction Independent	October 12, 2011
C	Bisbee (Cochise County)	Bisbee Daily Review	October 4, 2011
D	Sierra Vista (Cochise County)	Sierra Vista Herald	October 4, 2011
E	Miami (Superstition)	Arizona Silver Belt and San Carlos Apache Moccasin	October 5, 2011
F	San Manuel (San Manuel)	San Manuel Miner	October 5, 2011
G	Oracle (San Manuel)	San Manuel Miner	October 5, 2011
H	Winkelman (San Manuel)	Copper Basin News	October 5, 2011
I	Superior (Superstition)	Superior Sun	October 5, 2011

EXHIBIT B

AFFIDAVIT FOR PUBLICATION

Before me, a Notary Public in the County of Pinal, and for the State of Arizona, this the
26th day of October, 20 11 appeared Kristin Doetsch, who being
duly sworn says that she works in Ad Services for Independent Newspapers, Inc., a
weekly newspaper of general circulation, published in the State of Arizona, and that the
attached is a true and complete copy, published in said Newspaper beginning

October 12, 20 11 and published on the following

dates: October 12, 2011,

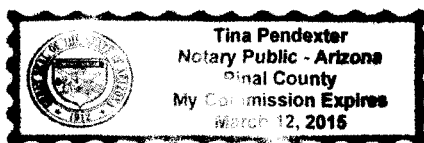
in the following publication(s): Apache Junction/Gold Canyon

☒ No other date

Signed Kristin A. Doetsch

Kristin Doetsch, Ad Services

Subscribed and sworn before me this 26th day of October, 20 11.



Tina Pendexter
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires March 12, 20 15

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October 12, 2011

APACHE JUNCTION / GOLD CANYON INDEPENDENT

EXHIBIT C

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PAMELA M. MCELROY

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duly sworn, deposes and says: That (he) (she) is the Agent to the Publisher of the
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By

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Notary Public in and for the County of Cochise, State of Arizona

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**State of Arizona
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Sherri J. Davis, or her authorized representative being first duly sworn deposes and says: That she is the General Manager of the Arizona Silver Belt and the San Carlos Apache Moccasin newspapers, located at 298 North Pine Street, Globe, Arizona 85501, or mail: P.O. Box 31, Globe, Arizona 85502.

The above stated newspapers are published weekly in Globe, in the State of Arizona, County of Gila and that the following described ✓ legal, or advertising was duly published.

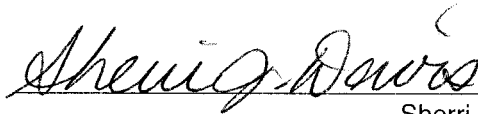
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The dates of publication being as follows, to wit:

October 5, 2011



Sherri J. Davis
General Manager

State of Arizona)
) ss:
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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me **October 5, 2011**, by Sherri J. Davis.


Notary Public



My Commission Expires:
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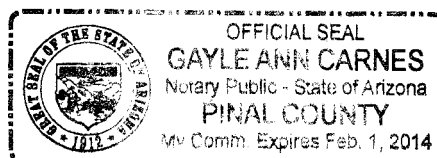


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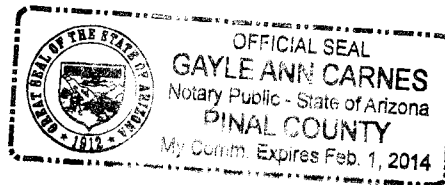


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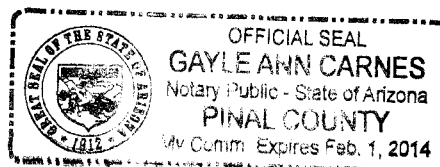
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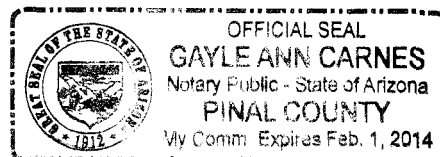


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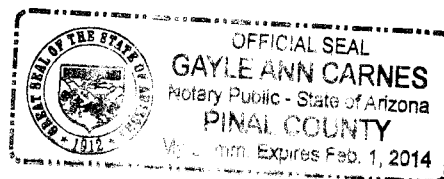
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The Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") is in the process of auditing and analyzing the application, and has not yet made any recommendations regarding AWC's proposed rate increase. The Commission will determine the appropriate relief to be granted based on the evidence presented by the parties. **THE COMMISSION IS NOT BOUND BY THE PROPOSALS MADE BY AWC, STAFF, OR ANY INTERVENORS; THEREFORE, THE FINAL RATES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION MAY DIFFER FROM AND MAY BE HIGHER OR LOWER THAN THE RATES REQUESTED BY AWC OR RECOMMENDED BY OTHER PARTIES.**

How You Can View or Obtain a Copy of the Rate Proposal

Copies of the application and proposed rates are available from AWC at AWC's corporate office located at 3805 North Black Canyon Highway, Phoenix, Arizona 85015 and at the Commission's Docket Control Center at 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona, for public inspection during regular business hours, and on the Internet via the Commission's website (www.azcc.gov) using the e-Docket function.

Arizona Corporation Commission Public Hearing Information

The Commission will hold a hearing on this matter in Hearing Room No. 1 at the Commission's offices at 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. The hearing will commence on **May 14, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.** Oral public comments will be taken on the first day of hearing.

Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing Docket No. W-01445A-11-0310 to Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, or by e-mail. For a form to use and instructions on how to e-mail comments to the Commission, go to <http://www.azcc.gov/Divisions/Utilities/forms/PublicCommentForm.pdf>. If you require assistance, you may contact the Consumer Services Section at 1-800-222-7000.

About Intervention

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1. Your name, address, and telephone number, and the name, address, and telephone number of any party upon whom service of documents is to be made, if not yourself;
2. A short statement of your interest in the proceeding (e.g., a customer of AWC, a shareholder of AWC, etc.); and
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The granting of motions to intervene shall be governed by A.A.C. R14-3-105, except that all motions to intervene must be filed on or before December 30, 2011. If representation by counsel is required by Rule 31 of the Rules of the Arizona Supreme Court, intervention will be conditioned upon the intervenor obtaining counsel to represent the intervenor. For information about requesting intervention, visit the Commission's website at <http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/forms/interven.pdf>. The granting of intervention, among other things, entitles a party to present sworn evidence at hearing and to cross-examine other witnesses. However, failure to intervene will not preclude any interested person or entity from appearing at the hearing and providing public comment on the application or from filing written comments in the record of the case.

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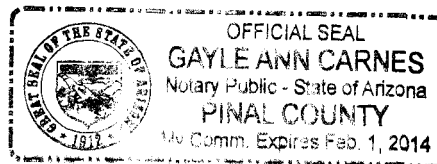


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